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-Ret. Brig Gen. Billy Mitchell

Laughlin airmen donate food

By Airman Timothy J. Stein

Staff writer

he enlisted people living in the dorms here gave many residents of the Del Rio area thousands of reasons to be thankful this Thanksgiving.

The 2nd Annual Enlisted Dormitory Food Drive collected 2,728 cans for the needy from Nov. 5 to Nov. 19 for the Bethel Center of Val Verde, Inc., in Del Rio.

Boxes for the food items were placed at every squadron with an airman representative in charge of each area.

"I wanted to [do better than] last year," said Airman 1st Class Sean Flansbaum, founder and co-director of the food drive.

Last year the drive, which only lasted two days, collected 406 items for the Bethel Center.

The Bethel Center is a ministry of 12 congregations and volunteers from the community working together to help people in need. The function of the center is to help people who need food, clothing, medicine, transportation, lodging and utilities assistance.

The center's existence enables congregations

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hoto by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Airman 1st Class Stephanie Ryan (left) and Senior Airman Stephen Maclin, canned food drive volunteers, unload cans at the Bethel Center Nov. 20. Approximately 2,728 cans and other food items were collected and delivered to the center by base airmen.

Operation Jingle helps out for holidays

By Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Editor

Several base people are working to ensure less fortunate Laughlin families have gifts under their Christmas trees this holiday season.

Every year, money is raised in support of Operation Jingle, a Laughlin charity that gives money to base people who may not have enough money to purchase Christmas gifts for their families.

"It's a way of helping out those who help us," said Master Sgt. Sandy Harper, 47th Support Group first sergeant. "The past two Saturdays we've raised \$640."

The Air Force estimates as many as 12,000 military people may be eligible for assistance such as food stamps and the Women, Infants and Children welfare program. Some of those people are stationed at Laughlin. In addition, each year some families suffer through prolonged illnesses, accidental injuries or deaths of loved ones – all of which take a toll on their pocket books.

Last year, with the help of donations from the base and Del Rio communities, \$7,400 was raised and distributed by the First Sergeants Council to 60 military families.

"Many of our junior military families are financially strapped and will not be able to afford the trimmings which help make the season joyous," said Harper. "Therefore, we're again providing assistance in this season of selfless giving."

People will be collecting money from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Saturday at the base exchange and commissary through Dec. 22 in support of Operation Jingle.

If you know of a military family in need of assistance this year or if you would like to help, please contact your first sergeant.

Viewpoints ?



Commanders' Corner

By Lt. Col. Michael Blaylock

47th Civil Enginer Squadron Commander

Civil engineers play big role on base

I'm sure most of you have a pretty good idea of what the civil engineer squadron does, but I'm also sure many of you would be surprised at how diverse our responsibilities really are and how many different ways we touch your lives.

I'll start with the most familiar part of our job. The operations flight maintains the facilities on base. At Laughlin, our CE craftsmen work for Eagle Aviation Services Technology, Inc., better known as EAST. They are the ones you call if your toilet is stopped up, your air conditioning is not working or your roof is leaking. They also are responsible for entomology and locksmithing.

The operations flight is also responsible for the grounds maintenance, refuse and the custodial con-

tracts. They also manage energy consumption. This is important because we pay the base's utility bills.

CES also manages an engineering flight responsible for getting projects designed and constructed; a housing flight that manages our 558 housing units, 376 unaccompanied officer and 186 enlisted dorm spaces, along with our trailer park; the fire department; and the environmental flight.

CES is also responsible for the base mobile command post; nuclear, biological and chemical training; and weapons-of-mass-destruction response.

Being in CES is very rewarding because of all the great things we do to support the base; however, it can also be very frustrating because of the lack of proper funding. Air Force leadership has made the conscientious decision to focus funding on force modernization at the expense of base infrastructure. This means they are putting more of the Air Force's money into new airplanes and less into fixing and replacing buildings, roads and utilities.

Based on the current level of funding for building replacements, we only get enough money to replace buildings on a 250-year cycle. We are getting almost no money to repair or replace our utilities systems, and we are getting only about 60 percent of what we need to do day-to-day maintenance.

Despite this lack of funding, CES will continue to do its best to keep Laughlin's grounds and facilities looking and working well.

Top Three Talk

By Master Sgt. Jorge Caro

47th Security Forces Squadron training superintendent

Air Force career great in long run

he Air Force is continuously evolving, and I am enjoying the ride.

The Air Force has been my second family. I've grown up and matured in the Air Force. People ask me why I made the Air Force a career. Well, the answer is, the Air Force has been good to me. I've traveled the world and experienced many different cultures.

Deciding to make the Air Force a career came at my four-year mark. With a family, bills to pay and a degree still to obtain, I choose to re-enlist and press forward.

I now look forward to completing my 20 years in service and entering corporate America. I feel the Air Force has given me the tools to succeed in life. I've learned many lessons as a member of the Air Force. Number one on my list is the art of listening. We all hear things every day, and boy do we like to talk, and talk; but listening is the challenge.

Another personal philosophy of mine is one you've heard over and over: "Treat people like you want to be treated." You have to be genuine when dealing with people or they will see right through you. A handshake and a smile go a long way when dealing with others.

My advice to first-term airmen is to always give it your best. If after four or six years of service time, you decide to get out, the Air Force will surely look good on your next resumé, and you will have the Montgomery G.I. Bill to help further your education.

For those second-term and career airmen, take notice. The Air Force will expect more from you because first-line supervisors are key to making things better. Our airmen are taking on more responsibility than they ever have. I see airmen first class doing the work staff sergeants would do in the past.

Everyone knows our retention problems are partly related to the rise in our economy. More young people are going to college right after high school. The Air Force has focused more money and attention on recruiting and retention, and now it is taking effect.

The future of our Air Force looks prosperous. Always remember that you are part of the greatest Air Force in the world.



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"Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."

- 47th FTW motto

FPCON Bravo

Laughlin is currently in Force Protection Condition Bravo. All people should remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to security forces at 298-5100.

View from the top: Our nation needs us now more than ever

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By Gen. John P. Jumper

Air Force chief of staff

As Operation Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle continue to evolve, we are learning more about their impact on our aerospace expeditionary force rotation patterns. We have all heard the president and secretary of defense speak. This will be a long struggle and our expeditionary Air Force must adjust to its pace and rhythm.

Already, in two short months, the war on terrorism and protecting our homeland from further attack have put significant strains on our air and space forces, as well as our Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

You have responded magnificently to unprecedented events – our nation is proud of its Air

Force. We still have much to do and it's important that I explain what we've done over the last two months and what you can expect in the future.

On Sept. 11, our Air Force – our total force – was among the first to respond, launching interceptors and tankers from alert across the United States. Within hours we provided disaster assis-

tance and began flying homeland defense missions that have continued around the clock since then – fighter, tanker, Airborne Warning and Control System and air control squadrons all across America stood up overnight to prevent another airborne attack.

Our security forces also responded magnificently when, for the first time ever, all our installations went to Force Protection Conditions Charlie and Delta. We mobilized the Air Reserve Component in large numbers and they have met every challenge at home and abroad.

Once it became clear we needed to send air and space capability forward, we responded with forces from the on-call aerospace expeditionary wing supplemented with residual capability from Aerospace Expeditionary Forces 7 and 8.

In addition, our global reach structure responded and established the air bridge enabling our forces to deploy expeditiously. The requirements continued to grow and we soon exceeded the capability resident in the on-call AEW and AEF pair. Staying within the AEF construct, we rolled forward to the next AEF pair, 9 and 10, which was in

the spin-up process for their upcoming on-call period.

Unlike past experience, much of the deployment strain has fallen on our expeditionary combat support forces. Some high-demand support areas have exceeded their on-call capabilities in AEFs 7/8 and 9/10 and we have rolled forward into later AEFs.

We are in surge mode – and will likely stay there for some time.

Many have asked when we will rotate forces supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. We are studying all the options and anticipate making a decision before the end of the calendar year. We do not foresee the capability to rotate Enduring Freedom forces at the three-month point – we expect

to provide relief some time in the February-March timeframe.

It is important for everyone in the Air Force to realize the mission has changed, and they may have to spend more than the usual three months in the field. Also, in a few cases, we have insufficient capability to relieve currently deployed forces — a very small number of individuals, currently

about a dozen, will be frozen in place until we can identify their replacements. We are working hard to reduce that number to zero so everyone can rotate. My objective is to keep the AEF construct intact as long as possible to maximize stability for our total force.

Looking to the future, in the near-term I expect we will experience significant impacts to our training, organization and resources. I have tasked the Air Staff and our major commands to analyze the short- and long-term impacts of this war on our Air Force and our people. We will adjust our rotational patterns to meet the challenges we face and remain combat capable.

Our nation is at war with terrorism – there is no more "business as usual." The AEF essentials of predictability, stability, rhythm and capability will remain intact to the maximum extent practical, but we must do whatever it takes to continue meeting our war fighting and homeland defense commitments.

The eyes of all Americans are on us as we stand tall against terrorism – we must, and will, meet every challenge!

(Courtesy of AETC News Sevice)

Actionline

298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.



Col. Rick Rosborg
47th FTW commander

Community Update

Shoppette to change hours

Effective Jan. 2, the shoppette will be open from 6 a.m. to midnight daily.

Horse stables

A new \$35,000 roof is being constructed at the horse stables. The stables have 16 rental stalls for \$10 per month, available year-round. For details, call outdoor recreation at 298-5830.

Town hall meetings - input requested

Two more town hall meetings will take place within the next several months, one on education and one on AAFES and the commissary. People are encouraged to submit input on product lines they would like carried or other ideas about how to make these stores more user-friendly. To submit input, call 1st Lt. Dawnita Parkinson at 298-5988 or e-mail dawnita.parkinson@laughlin.af.mil.

Airmanship

Intended to help all airmen articulate the Air Force's vision of aerospace power

What is doctrine?

Doctrine is the compilation of officially sanctioned beliefs about warfighting principles.

Doctrine is the collective body of thought on the best way to employ a given system or perform a given task. Doctrine is a guide to action; it should not be applied arbitrarily but should be viewed as the collected wisdom of our predecessors.

News 🥽

Laughlin group honors San Antonio veterans

By 2nd Lt. Anthony Chu

47th Operations Support Squadron airfield operations flight commander

Twenty people representing Laughlin spent part of their Veterans Day honoring retired military officers at San Antonio's Air Force Villages retirement communities.

Second Lieutenant Steven Niewiarowski, a T-1 student pilot who graduated pilot training a week after Veterans Day, said he gained a lot from just being part of the Veterans Day celebration.

"These people are my heroes," he said. "They may be old, and they may be sick, but they will always be living symbols of the ideas I strive to serve in the military with."

Originally designed to be a facility to care for widowed military spouses, Air Force Villages has grown to include more than 900 retired officers from all military services and has expanded into two separate retirement communities near Lackland Air Force Base.

Additionally, there are health care centers – essentially skilled nursing facilities – and an Alzheimer care facility available to the residents.

These retirement communities, along with several others around the country, take on the task of caring for veterans and their spouses as special needs arise later in their lives. According to Chief Master Sgt.

Stephen Enyeart, 47th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant, they are a "graphic illustration" of how the Air Force "takes care of its own with its own."

"There is life after retirement and if it is at an Air Force village, then it can truly be a great and fulfilling one," said Enyeart.

And the Laughlin people who went to visit saw just how the retirees took care of each other.

To Airman 1st Class Becky Lederer, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron aerospace physiology apprentice, just seeing how the residents interacted touched her. "They knew everything there was to know about each other, and to see how lively and active they all still are meant a lot to me," she said.

The visit, organized by the Laughlin Company Grade Officers Council, received high praises from both Air Force Village event coordinators as well as those from the Laughlin delegation who participated in the ceremonies.

"We brought back a lot of memories and made the residents very proud," said 1st Lt. Melissa Parent, CGOC president. "We learned a great deal about those that have gone before us and made our military what it is today."

The former Air Force Personnel Center commander, who was the guest speaker at one of the ceremonies, shared her feelings with the visiting Laughlin people.

"I am glad to see so many of you from Laughlin Air Force Base," said Ret. Maj. Gen. Susan Pamerleau. "It's a great honor for us to be with you as well."

At least two former Laughlin officers – one from when Laughlin was a U-2 Air Force Strategic Air Command Base and one from when Laughlin first flew the T-38 – were among those at the villages for Veterans Day celebrations.

Students from the child development center, youth center and base home-schooling community created Veterans Day greeting cards, which were delivered to the skilled nursing facilities at the retirement communities. Several 47th Medical Group members also signed a "We Salute You" poster that was displayed in the lobby of Air Force Village II.

"I don't think I have felt this good about myself in a while after visiting the military retirees," said Lederer. "It meant a lot more to me to have the opportunity to visit and celebrate with the Air Force Village retirees on Veterans Day, rather then sit at home and just take advantage of a day off."

Pay resolution offered

All airmen with pay or bonus payment problems should call the Air Force Personnel Center at DSN 665-2949 or (800) 558-1404 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday by Dec. 7.

Common problems may include initial enlistment or re-enlistment bonuses, special or incentive pay, or problems with regular pay. Officials want to make sure they have enough time to work with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to resolve all cases in time for this tax year.

Anyone who does not receive his or her bonus payment this calendar year may receive double payments next year which may result in a higher tax bracket and should call to resolve the problem.

Family Support Center closes

The Laughlin Family Support Center will be closed from noon until 4:30 p.m. today for in-service training.

For more information, call Rhonda Filasky at 298-5620.

Charitable auction set

The Officers Spouses Club Charitable Auction and Social is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. today in the

Newslines

Club XL ballroom. Everyone is invited.

Proceeds garnered from items bid on will go toward scholarships and to support local organizations

For more information, call Elizabeth McCurdy at 298-7728 or 774-8616.

Christmas party scheduled

A children's Christmas party sponsored by the 47th Operations Group is scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Anderson Hall, formerly the Operations Training Complex.

An appearance by Santa, a magician and music and crafts will be on hand for the children to enjoy. The event is open for all Laughlin children.

For more information, call Suzanne Luiken at 298-2238 or Joline Davidson at 298-3177.

Park University registers

Park University will hold registration for the Spring I Term from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Jan. 14 at the Laughlin Education Office.

For more information on registration or about

Park College, call 298-3061 or 298-5593.

Night flying scheduled

Night flying is scheduled until 9:45 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and until 8:10 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, call Capt. Ken Shugart at 298-4344.

Gift exchange scheduled

The Enlisted Spouses Club is hosting a White Elephant Christmas Party at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the chapel fellowship hall.

Members should bring a wrapped gift between \$5 and \$10 in value.

For more information, call Beatrice Ruiz at 298-2180.

Scholarships arrive

The General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant applications have arrived at the family support center. This grant awards \$1,500 to sons, daughters and spouses of Air Force families.

All applications for the 2002/2003 school year must be received by March 15, 2002. Stop by the FSC to pick up applications, or visit www.afas.org for more details.

For more information, call 298-5109.

Interested in the Air Force?

Call Del Rio's Air Force recruiter at 774-0911.

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and groups in the Del Rio community to help the hungry and homeless with dire emergency needs. Volunteers also work with other groups and agencies to achieve long-term solutions to the difficult problems of the poor.

"It is overwhelming to see young people do this," said Olivia DeLeon, Bethel Center director. "In this day and age you don't see that many young people doing this kind of thing. It is like... 'wow.'

"Laughlin Air Force Base and Sacred Heart school are my biggest contributors," said DeLeon. "I don't know what I would do without them. We need food donations all year long, but especially this time of year."

DeLeon said she hopes the food donated will last until March or April.

It was a total group effort this year, said Flansbaum. There were 13 enlisted representatives working with each squadron to help get the word out about the drive, collect and deliver the food.

"Everyone went above and beyond the call of duty," said Flansbaum about the people who volunteered their time to make sure the drive was a success. "So many people volunteered to help [run the program] that I had to start turning people down. I told them they could help by telling everyone at their squadron about the drive. The word of mouth on this thing was great."

Airman 1st Class Bethany Baiocco, co-director of the food drive, specifically asked to co-direct the drive when Flansbaum asked her to help out.

"I've done this kind of thing before," she said. "It is a great way to show appreciation for the people downtown."

Baiocco, like Flansbaum, said the success of the project would not have been possible without the airmen who volunteered their time and energy.

"Everyone put in 100 percent," said Baiocco. "It is great when you can get everyone basewide involved."

Baiocco was very surprised at how much food they collected when, after the first week of the drive, they hadn't collected very much.

"Everyone really came through during the second week," she said.

This included Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, who contributed many canned goods and five 15-pound turkeys.

"It is great what these airmen are doing," said Rosborg. "It shows the community what kind of dedicated and caring people we have working on this base. It was a great project for a really great cause."

Rosborg added that these are the kinds of projects he would encourage everyone on base to get involved with.

Flansbaum said he is very happy with the amount of food collected, but the part of the experience he will remember most is how everyone came together in the dorms and helped out.

"It was the night before we were going to deliver the cans, and so many people were helping count them and package them," said Flansbaum. "It was amazing to see so many people helping out for such a worthy cause."

News 🥽

T-6 flying training begins at Moody

By Capt. Christa D'Andrea

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

After a month of academics, the first class of student pilots to train exclusively in the T-6A Texan II began flying at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., Nov. 20.

It was all systems go as instructors from the 3rd Flying Training Squadron and students in Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 02-01 took to the skies in the Air Force's newest trainer aircraft.

"The aircraft is in place, the instructors are in place and I expect the program to be fully successful," said Col. Mike Maffei, chief of the Aircrew Training and Standardization Division at Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base. "The folks out there are highly motivated and highly experienced."

The first class has 15 students, including two members of the Navy, who will complete a six-month course using the new Joint Primary Aircraft Training System and graduate in April. A new class of students will begin training every three weeks, and the 3rd FTS will train about 250 students each year.

According to Maffei, it was the "luck of the draw" for those who were selected to attend the first class.

"The students are very excited," he said. "In fact, we had to push the class start date back and we had offered the students the opportunity to roll into another class at another base. However, they decided to wait it out in order to be the first to fly the T-6."

The T-6A is a propeller driven, single-engine, two-seat trainer designed to teach students basic flying skills common to all military pilots. The aircraft is fully aerobatic and features a pressurized cockpit with an anti-G system and an advanced avionics package with sunlight-readable liquid crystal displays.

It will eventually replace the Air Force T-37 and the Navy T-34C during an 8- to 10-year transition period.

"The move from the aging T-37 Tweet is important to the Air Force and Navy," said Capt. Andreas Wesemann, 3rd FTS A Flight commander. "The older aircraft were designed [more than] 50 years ago, and they are very antiquated in their cockpit instrumentation. The T-6A offers state-of-theart avionics, tremendous improvement on fuel economy, improved visibility for formation flying, lower maintenance costs and the absolute best in crew safety."

The 3rd FTS, part of the 479th Flying Training Group, was activated at Moody in April.

"It is exciting to be part of a new aircraft, standing up a new squadron (and) training new pilots for tomorrow's Air Force," Wesemann said.

The 12th Flying Training Wing at Randolph was the first to receive the T-6 and has been training instructor pilots since May 2000. Randolph currently has 23 T-6s on station with the final inventory number and completed delivery date to be determined.

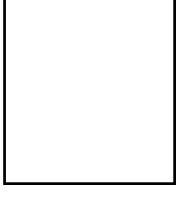
All JSUPT bases are scheduled to receive the T-6A with Laughlin Air Force Base next on the list.

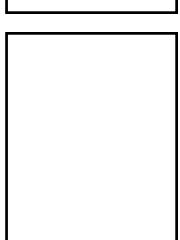
Dorm days

Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, unpacks his bags at the enlisted dormitory Tuesday night. The colonel decided to spend the night in the dorms to better understand dorm life. "I believe an important facet of leadership is really understanding the problems base members may have," he said. "Really the only way to do that is through experience. I plan on taking into account every aspect when making assessments on the nature of base problems, and I will often use first-hand experience to help me arrive at the best conclusions.3



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit





Chapel Schedule

Catholic Nondenominational Sunday **Fridays** - Mass, 9:30 a.m. - Unity in - Confession by Community appointment Services, - Sunday school, 7 p.m. 10:30 a.m. - Little Rock Scrip-**Protestant** ture Study, 11 a.m. Sunday in Fellowship Hall - Adult Sunday school, 9 - 10:30 Thursday - Choir, 6 p.m. - General worship, 11 a.m. **Jewish** Max Stool, call Wednesday 775-4519 - Women's Bible Study, 12:30-2:15 Muslim p.m. at chapel - Choir, 7 p.m. at Dr. Mostafa Salama, call 768-9200 chapel

Chapel events

Tree lighting - 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Newcomers dinner - 6 p.m. Dec. 12 Monthly prayer breakfast - 7 a.m. Dec. 19 Christmas Eve service schedule -5 p.m. Mass, 7 p.m. Candlelight service, 10 p.m. Midnight Mass

For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.



What do you think will be the fate of Usama bin Laden?



Senior Airman Ken Angeles 47th Mission Support Squadron airman-incharge of separations and retirement

"Destruction will be bin Laden's fate. Finding him is just a matter of time and when we do, he better pray well."



2nd Lt. **Lindsay Logsdon** 47th Flying Training Wing protocol officer

"I think his fate is already sealed."



Airman 1st Class **Teresa Ortman** 47th Mission Support Squadron airman-incharge of personal employment

"He will be killed because we will drop a bomb on him."



Thinking about getting out? Think again!

Call Master Sgt. Jimmie Davis, 47th Flying Training Wing career assistance adviser, at 298-5456 for guidance.

The **XL**er

Hometown:

Ansbach, Germany Family: Wife, Rosario; son, Sean; daughter, Melissa; granddaughter, Mercedez; grandsons, Daniel, Marcus and Joel Time at Laughlin: Since May 1979 Time in service: 22 years Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: Develop support for family members. I call it "I Just Want to Talk" for single people, teenagers, or spouses who are alone during the holidays; a big brother or sister program for those



noto by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Alexander Wehr

47th Civil Engineer Squadron housing management assistant

who just want to talk or have coffee.

Greatest accomplishment:

Living life to the fullest with family, church, Red Cross community, friends and the Knights

of Columbus. Hobbies: Collecting Coke items and depression glass from the 50s, fishing and gardening. Bad habit: Not paying more attention to my coworkers Favorite film: It's a Wonderful Life Favorite music type: Motown from the 60s If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why? I would take my one hour and divide it equally to share it

among the many who have gone from this life to thank them for their kindness, influences in my life, and to say how much I love and miss them.



Cookie caper

Jennifer Seaberg, Command Spouses Organization member, prepares sacks for Laughlin's Cookie Caper at the Chapel Fellowship Hall Wednesday. The Cookie Caper is a basewide program whose purpose is to deliver cookies to single airmen, Reservists and family members of deployed people. Those wishing to donate home-baked cookies to the caper can drop them off at 9018, 9019 or 9020 Arnold Street or 8206A O'Brien Street. Brown bags will be filled with cookies starting at 9 a.m. Dec. 7 at the Chapel Fellowship Hall and delivered the same day beginning at 1 p.m. Many cookies are needed to supply some to the 550 single base airmen. For more information or to volunteer, call Elizabeth Rosborg at 298-8800.

Don't drink and drive!

Sports and Health 🥽

Sports and Health briefs

Football games televised

Club Amistad is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays featuring the Sunday National Football League ticket. Every NFL game is broadcast. Come see your favorite team play.

For more information, call 298-5374.

Laughlin biathlon scheduled

The XL Fitness Center is hosting the Santa Claus Biathlon Dec. 15. The competition will begin at 1 p.m. at the west gate and will consist of a five-mile run and a 7- to 12-mile mountain bike race.

There will be male and female categories. Awards will be given to the top two finishers in each category. Participants must be 16 years of age or older.

Outdoor recreation will provide a limited supply of mountain bikes at no cost for this competition. Use of the bikes will be for the start and finish of the race on the day of event only. A minimum of six competitors is required for the event to be held.

Register at the XL Fitness Center prior to the event or register at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at the west gate.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. John Fastinger at 298-5251.

